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Mountain View Corridor Design Elements Presented

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SALT LAKE CITY (Nov. 16, 2004)—The Mountain View Corridor (MVC) Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) team announced details for its eight transportation concepts at a stakeholder committee meeting today in West Valley City. The details, which include roadway interchange locations, number of roadway lanes, depressed roadway sections, transit station locations and transit alignment, is also available to the general public via the project website at www.udot.utah.gov/mountainview.

"We are committed to sharing information with stakeholders and residents," said Teri Newell, project manager for the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT). "These concepts will be studied more over the next several months, but we want people to be aware of the direction we're headed so they can comment and draw attention to any factors that we may have missed."

The MVC EIS study is the next logical step in developing transportation solutions for west Salt Lake County and northwest Utah County. An EIS is required to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act. To get to this point, the MVC EIS team also partnered with Envision Utah and a stakeholder committee comprised of local jurisdictions, land owners and conservation groups, who helped identify "Growth Choices" principles to assist in guiding transportation decisions for the future in the MVC. The project team used these principles, along with other important criteria, to come up with the transportation design elements presented today.

"The goal is to put together an improved regional transportation system plan that will contribute to the quality of life for residents in the MVC area," Newell said. "An improved regional transportation system with both roadway and public transit components can ultimately help increase travel effectiveness, meet communities' growth goals, and save residents time, money and stress."

The project team members also acknowledge the complexity of balancing, evaluating and prioritizing all of the factors related to potential construction of a new transportation system in the Mountain View Corridor.

"We must consider the local and regional effects of each transportation concept," Newell said. "Unfortunately, it is impossible to follow every suggestion and implement every idea. We ask for understanding as we work toward the most balanced final recommendation."

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See maps for details.

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